MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir. The lands required for laying tracks have been already taken possession through the State Government.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Cancellation on trains on the Delhi-Rewari Sector

2943. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Railways have cancelled some passenger trains on the Delhi-Rewari sector;

(b) whether the trains have been cancelled without prior notice and without any alternative arrangements for carrying the passengers; and

(c) whether Government are thinking of restoring the train services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Some services have already been restored and/or replaced by Broad Gauge services. Restoration and/or replacement by Broad Gauge services of the remaining trains will be considered subject to traffic requirements and the facilities available.

Extension of Navjeevan Express

2944. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered extension of Navjeevan Express upto Hapa (Jam Nagar) in Gujarat;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and by when it would be extended; and

(c) what would be the number of prorata reservation quota allotment to Rajkot and Hapa Railway Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Extension of 6045/6046 Navjeevan Express upto Hapa (Jam Nagar) has been examined but found either commercially justified nor feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

(c) Does not arise.

Conversion of Railways into independent holding company

2945. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for conversion of the railways into an independent holding company under the Company's Act and splitting of various zonal railways into smaller units; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that flow of high technology inputs into the Railways has virtually dried up since the early 1960's if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to meet the needs for massive infusion of technology inputs in almost all areas of railway operation with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise. However, technology improvements is an on-going process on Indian Railways. Some of the major technology inputs since 1960 pertain to Diesalisation and Electrification of Indian Railways, new designs of Rolling stock, continuous welded rails, colour light signalling, Route relay interlocking, Mechanised maintenance of track, Fitment of Air Brakes, Steel casting technology,